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CMSP Letter 95-3

TO: All County Medical Services Program County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT
(IRCA) BASED CMSP ELIGIBILITY

This letter is to remind counties that, as a part of the routine redetermination process for all County Medical Service Program (CMSP) eligibles, it is necessary to confirm the citizenship and/or alien status in order to insure that individuals receive the proper level of benefits. Otherwise eligible IRCA aliens may remain in full scope of benefits, CMSP Aid Codes (84, 85, 88, 89), if they possess and show:

- 1) A current and valid I-688 (or an extension from the Immigration and Naturalization Service), or
- 2) A current and valid I-551 ("green card"), or
- 3) Proof of United States of America citizenship, or
- 4) Any other alien status which would qualify them for the full scope of CMSP benefits.

Otherwise eligible IRCA aliens who are no longer eligible for the full scope of CMSP benefits must be shifted into CMSP Aid Code 50 which is reserved for individuals eligible for limited CMSP benefits only (emergency services).

As a part of the redetermination process, counties must afford individuals time to secure and show documentation regarding their immigration status prior to taking any action to reduce those benefits. Additionally, any Notice of Action which reduces benefits based on changes in immigration status must be made in accordance with established "timely" notice procedures.

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If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Albert Cooper of my staff via FAX at (916) 322-1533, or by phone at (916) 322-1615.

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